

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. through 11. (canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method for the ~~treatment of metallic materials,~~
~~especially for the consolidation of the texture of metallic materials,~~ consisting of the steps of:

- a) providing a blank of a metallic material,
- b) heating said blank to a transformation temperature, and
- c) deforming said blank by twisting said blank about a longitudinal axis thereof and, at the same time, compressing said blank in the direction of said longitudinal axis,

where said steps (a) to (c) are carried out by substantially maintaining the form of the blank.

13. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein during said compression said blank is subjected to a constant force.

14. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said compression step is preformed by subjecting said blank to a constant deformation speed.

15. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said blank is heated over its full length for the consolidation of the texture thereof.

16. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein only the area of said blank is heated where the deformation is to be performed.

17. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said blank is heated by electrical induction heating.

18. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein the deformation of said blank is performed at a temperature of about 1000°C.

19. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein the deformation of said blank is performed at least partially under a protective gas cover.

20. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said metallic material is titanium aluminide.

21. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein the titanium aluminide has the composition, in atomic percent, $[[is]]$ as follows:

Ti - 47A1 - 3.7 (Nb, Cr, Mn, Si) - 0.5 B.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein during said compression said blank is subjected to a constant force.

24. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein said compression step is preformed by subjecting said blank to a constant deformation speed.

25. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein said blank is heated over its full length for the consolidation of the texture thereof.

26. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein only the area of said blank is heated where the deformation is to be performed.

27. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein said blank is heated by electrical induction heating.

28. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein the deformation of said blank is performed at a temperature of about 1000°C.

29. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein the deformation of said blank is performed at least partially under a protective gas cover.

30. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 32[[22]], wherein said metallic material is titanium aluminide.

31. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 30, wherein the titanium aluminide has the composition, in atomic percent, is as follows:

Ti - 47A1 - 3.7 (Nb, Cr, Mn, Si) - 0.5 B.

32. (Currently amended) A method for the ~~treatment of metallic materials,~~
~~especially for the consolidation of the texture of metallic materials,~~ consisting of the steps of:

- a) providing a blank of a metallic material,
- b) heating said blank to a transformation temperature, and
- c) deforming said blank by twisting said blank about a longitudinal axis thereof and, at the same time, compressing said blank in the direction of said longitudinal axis.